

the National Mall, the museum focuses on the art, history and culture of Native Americans.

The museum's impressive design and extensive exhibits were developed in close consultation with nearly 150 communities from Central and South America, the Caribbean, Canada and the United States.

The pieces in the collection of eight-hundred and fifty thousand items represent a 'living history' that will take visitors on a journey from past to present, and show that Native Americans continue to make vital contributions to contemporary American culture and art.

The National Museum of the American Indian, with its graceful architecture and soaring atrium sited on the country's most ceremonial ground is a long-overdue recognition of the many contributions made by tribe members. I encourage all Americans to join me in honoring them by experiencing the museum and learning more about their heritage.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO TED STRICKLAND

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Ted Strickland and thank him for his exceptional contributions to his community and the State of Colorado as an Adams County Commissioner. A two term county commissioner, Ted is a dedicated public servant and leader in his community, and I am honored to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation today.

Ted was born in Austin, Texas and moved to Colorado in 1954 after serving in the Army. He began working as Vice President of Petroleum Information before his 1966 election to the Colorado State House of Representatives. Two years later he was elected to the Colorado State Senate in 1968 and served twenty-four years, including twelve as the President of the Senate. Ted also served as Lieutenant Governor of Colorado from 1973 to 1975. In 1996, he was elected to the Board of Commissioners of Adams County where he has dedicated his efforts to serving the people of Adams County. Ted currently serves on the E-470 Public Highway and Front Range Airport Authority Boards and is the alternate representative to the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the Adams County Economic Development and Adams County Water Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Ted Strickland has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his country and the people of Colorado as an Adams County Commissioner. I am honored to bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service, Ted, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTHA "MARTI" YOUNG OF ROSEBURG, OREGON

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to congratulate Martha "Marti" Young of Roseburg, Oregon. The Oregon Commission for Women selected Ms. Young as one of the 2004 Women of Achievement. She will be honored on Saturday, October 2nd, at the 20th Annual Women of Achievement Awards Dinner for her determined advocacy, intelligent leadership, and inspired vision on behalf of low income Oregonians.

Marti Young has an impressive record of public service, with over thirty years of active participation. Wherever there has been innovation, progress, and development in human services in Oregon, she has been in the front ranks. She has been an unstoppable advocate, mobilizing resources and providing services to alleviate poverty and enhance the quality of life for the poor, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

Marti Young gets things done—and done well. She has worked with the low income community and community partners to establish Head Start programs, a child care center for low income families, a school lunch program, and an emergency food bank, an energy assistance program, transportation services, shelter programs, and other resources and opportunities vital to the health and well-being of Douglas County.

The world is full of heroes like Marti Young, working every day to make the world a better place. I am pleased to offer her the heartfelt congratulations and warm thanks she so richly merits.

#### IN HONOR OF WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. TIM MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, as an alumni it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize and commemorate Wheeling Jesuit University as this institution of higher learning celebrates its 50th anniversary.

In 1954 the Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the Society of Jesus of the Maryland Province forged a partnership to establish the only Catholic university in West Virginia. Since its first class of 90 students and 12 Jesuits, Wheeling Jesuit has grown to include over 1,000 students and five graduate programs.

As one of our nation's youngest Jesuit institutions, Wheeling Jesuit practices and teaches the Ignation tradition of faith, worship, and service. Students at WJU learn to incorporate these principles into their daily lives. Today we may witness the continuation of this tradition among the younger classes which exemplify a lifestyle of hard work and achievement. Wheeling Jesuit University alumni are constantly challenging themselves and others to move at full speed towards perfection in service to their community and the Lord.

In its efforts to provide a valuable learning experience to its student body, Wheeling Jesuit created the Appalachian Institute. The Institute serves as a vehicle to expose students to the issues most important to the surrounding Appalachian region. It is through service opportunities developed by the Institute that students are able to apply their understanding from the classroom to situations real in the world.

Additionally, students attending Wheeling Jesuit are afforded an array of opportunities to participate in public service projects. These activities include a semester-long hunger and homelessness awareness program to educate students of the problems plaguing the local and global community; and the Appalachian Experience Club, which sponsors work experiences in rural West Virginia throughout the academic year.

This small college, by steadfastly adhering to its principles, continues to impact local, national, and global communities. Through an emphasis on academic excellence the college has graduated thousands of students to pursue careers in health care, law, business, education, and the arts. Residing in our nation's 50 states and 147 nations abroad, Wheeling Jesuit Alumni typify the lifestyle of selflessness, achievement, and service that this institution instilled in them years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Wheeling Jesuit University for celebrating their 50th anniversary. Over the years Wheeling Jesuit has provided unsurpassed support and guidance to its students and the Appalachian community, and will continue to impact the lives of its students and the community through its charitable contributions and commitment to public service.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHERYL OLSON

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Cheryl Olson and thank her for her exceptional contributions to her community and the State of Colorado as a Larimer County Commissioner. A two-term commissioner, Cheryl is a dedicated public servant and leader in her community, and I am honored to recognize her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation today.

As a lifelong resident of Fort Collins, Colorado, Cheryl attended Fort Collins High School and earned her bachelor's degree from the Colorado State University. After graduation Cheryl worked at various organizations including: James Johnson & Son, Inc., The Group, Inc., and Commercial Investment Team, Inc. She began her public service career in 1996, when she was elected to the Board of Commissioners of Larimer County where she has dedicated her efforts to serving the people of Larimer County. Cheryl served as Chair of the Board from 1998 to 2001. Some of the additional boards and commissions Cheryl served on include: the Larimer Center for Mental Health, the Colorado State University's President's Community Relations Committee, and